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TO AMEMBASSY LISBON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, PO

SUBJECT: CHARGE OF ILLEGAL CONFISCATION BY U.S. CUSTOMS

-- OF PORTUGUESE GOODS

REF: LISBON 2081

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED CUSTOMS SERVICE TO REVIEW CASE  
CITED REFTEL.

2. REVIEW INDICATES THAT MERCHANDISE IN QUESTION WAS  
LEGALLY SOLD TO RECOVER STORAGE CHARGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED SHIPMENTS.  
CONSIGNEE WAS NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF AUCTION THAT MERCHANT-  
DISE WOULD BE SOLD IF NOT CLAIMED BY STATED DEADLINE.

3. BOND CITED PARA 1 REFTEL WAS OFFERED DAY AFTER AUCTION  
AND WAS NOT ACCEPTED. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS UNABLE TO  
VERIFY WHETHER EXPORTER HAS MADE CLAIM FOR EXCESS PROCEEDS  
FROM SALE.

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4. IF EXPORTER WISHES FURTHER INFORMATION ON DETAILS OF  
SALE OR WISHES TO MAKE CLAIM FOR EXCESS PROCEEDS FROM SALE,  
HE SHOULD CONTACT U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICE IN CHARLESTON  
DIRECTLY. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ALSO REFERRING CASE TO  
SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT OFFICE FOR FURTHER REVIEW. FYI:  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DOUBTFUL THAT ANY USG ACTION  
POSSIBLE IN CASE, BUT IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES IS  
WILLING TO UNDERTAKE FURTHER INVESTIGATION. END FYI

5. GOP EMBASSY IN U.S. WOULD BE APPROPRIATE SOURCE  
OF ADVICE FOR EXPORTER IF HE WISHES TO CONSIDER LEGAL  
ACTION AGAINST IMPORTING FIRM. SISCO

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